



## NORTH END COMMUNITY – WHAT’S NOW, WHAT’S NEXT Community Engagement Report

In April 2015, North Hamilton Community Health Centre hosted the event “North End Community -- What’s Now, What’s Next” in an effort to reach a common understanding around changes happening in the neighbourhood.

*We asked three questions, and here is what we heard:*

### **NORTH END DEVELOPMENT-IMPACT ON INDIVIDUAL & COMMUNITY HEALTH**

- Support the pace of change through good communication
- Ensure appropriate services remain in the neighbourhood
- Respond to the needs of residents who experience stress due to changes in the neighbourhood

### **WHAT IS A BALANCED NEIGHBOURHOOD**

- Housing mix – affordable, subsidized, mixed housing styles
- Mixed incomes
- Trust amongst neighbours

### **INDIVIDUALS’ ROLE IN CREATING A BALANCED NEIGHBOURHOOD**

*(How We Get It Done)*

- Provide a platform for input/community voice
- Support balanced neighbourhoods
- Engage local businesses and partners



***Participants told us that the Health Centre should:***



**Advocate** for affordable housing in the community

**Build** partnerships with new businesses in the area

**Create** new programs

***What's Next***

***The Journey is not over.... here is what we intend to do:***

- Explore opportunities to advocate for balanced neighbourhoods
- Understand how we engage in the City's process
- Engage small businesses in our area
- Knowledge transfer—use the NHCHC website as a go to repository of information
- Follow up with individuals who submitted Commitment Cards